

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

By Sparks

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge David M. Bragg on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those jurists who have evidenced devotion to the law and our judicial system throughout their years on the bench; and

WHEREAS, Judge David M. Bragg of Murfreesboro is one such noteworthy jurist who has served the good people of Tennessee with distinction as a Circuit Court Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial District since 2008 and recently took his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure on the bench, Judge Bragg distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, David Bragg received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his master's degree from Middle Tennessee State University; he graduated from the Nashville School of Law in 1994; and

WHEREAS, prior to his election as Circuit Court Judge for Part II of the Sixteenth Judicial District in 2008, Judge Bragg served as a partner in the law firm of Bragg, Mansfield and Stegall for fourteen years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bragg played an instrumental role in the securing of a grant to install a video system at the jail and judicial building in Murfreesboro and assumed the role of presiding judge for the Treatment Courts of the Sixteenth Judicial District in September 2012; and

WHEREAS, highly respected and admired by his fellow jurists and colleagues in the legal profession, Judge Bragg is a member of the Tennessee Judicial Conference Executive Committee and the Criminal Pattern Jury Instruction Committee; he is a member of the American Bar Association Judicial Division and the Rutherford and Cannon County Bar

Association and the president of the Andrew Jackson Chapter of the American Inns of Court;
and

WHEREAS, Judge Bragg has served as an adjunct faculty member at Middle Tennessee State University, teaching classes in Business Law, and at the Nashville School of Law, where he has taught Sales and Secured Transactions; and

WHEREAS, he has furthered his legal studies by attending classes at the National Judicial College, Northwestern Law School, and The National Center for Justice and the Rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, Judge Bragg also previously worked as the director of University Housing and as an assistant to the Dean of Students at Middle Tennessee State University and as a history and civics teacher at Oakland High School; and

WHEREAS, a former publisher of the *Cannon Courier* in Woodbury, he was a founding member of the Cannon County Arts and Crafts Association and served on the Cannon County Industrial Board; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Judge David Bragg is a deacon, teacher, and church moderator at First Baptist Church in Murfreesboro and a former board member of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, the Volunteer Behavioral Health Corporation, the Rutherford County Guidance Center, and the Murfreesboro Baseball Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Judge Bragg is most thankful for the love and support of his wife, Nancy Moseley Bragg; their two sons and daughters-in-law, Jason and Mary and Kevin and Kayla; and their grandchildren, Anna and Ben;
and

WHEREAS, Judge Bragg exemplifies the commitment to equality and justice under the law that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Judge David Bragg demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his

fellow members of the bench and bar, the parties appearing before his court, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Judge David M. Bragg on his exemplary tenure as a Circuit Court Judge in the Sixteenth Judicial District, applaud his commitment to justice and impartiality under the law, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.